SUBJECT No. 533.

Vrishabhavati project and other tanks.

Mr. Mudvira Setti, Closepet Sub-Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—This taluk has very few tanks and is backward in wet and garden cultivation. The Vrishabhavati project which was proposed eight years back and for which estimates were made and mutchalikas from raiyats obtained, has not been put in hand as yet, for want of money. Provision may be made at least in the current year's budget and this work, which will be the first large tank in this taluk and will be useful to the neighbouring taluk of Kankanhalli may be caused to be taken up early. Other tanks may also be profitably constructed in this taluk.

Reply of Government.—This is under consideration in the Public Works Department.

SUBJECT No. 534.

Constitution of Closepet into a taluk.

Messrs. Mudvira Setti, Closepet Sub-Taluk, and Kare Avalaiya Subbaiya Setti, Closepet Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Closepet Sub-Taluk is interspersed with jungles making intercommunication difficult. On account of its being a sub-taluk, the Irasal (remittance) has to be carried to Channapatna, where if the treasury is closed, the men who take the Irasal have to undergo a lot of difficulty. The large traders in silk of this taluk have to go to Channapatna for a currency note for Rs. 100. When the people of this taluk prayed to His late Highness Sri Chamarajendra Wodayar to restore this place to the status of a taluk, he promised to consider the question. This sub-taluk may therefore be kindly constituted into a taluk and the people saved from worry and trouble.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 535.

Pumping Machine for the Closepet Town Water-supply.

Mr. Kare Avalaiya Subbaiya Setti, Closepet Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The Norea pump which is being used for supplying water to Closepet Town is not in working order. Last year the Government replied that, if the Municipality were to provide funds for the necessary expenses, the matter would be considered. Accordingly the taxes of the town were proposed to be revised and a meeting was held in which the people consented to pay water tax if the water-supply was improved. By this an increase in the Municipal collections to the extent of about Rs. 1,000 was expected. As the Municipality have not sufficient funds for the purchase of an engine, the Government may kindly supply them early with the same at Government cost.

Reply of Government.—The working expenses for pumping will come to about Rs. 5,000 per year. The matter will however be further enquired into.

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SUBJECT No. 536.

Sluices to the supply channel of the Somambudhi Amani tank.

Messrs. Chikramanna and Suryanarayanappa, Kolar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Somambudhi Amani tank which had breached owing to the heavy rains, has now been restored. Although repeated prayers were made to

put up sluices to the "Raja kalve" or supply channel, opened sometime before the breach, nothing has yet been done. During the last meeting, it was urged on the attention of Government who were pleased to reply that the matter would be referred to the Public Works Department. No action has however been taken yet. It is requested that the work may be directed to be taken in hand early.

Reply of Government.—The matter is under consideration, and its disposal will be expedited.

SUBJECT No. 537.

Feeding Brahmins at Alamgiri during the car festival.

Messrs. Chikramanna and Suryanaranappa, Kolar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Arrangements may be made for feeding Brahmins at the Alamgiri Car festival for four days from the funds of the Kolar Annachattram.

Reply of Government.—Final orders have been issued declining to grant the request, as the needful funds cannot be spared from the Kolar Chattram.

SUBJECT No. 538.

Sanskrit School at Kolar.

Messrs. M. S. Ramachar, Butchaiya Chetti and Muddarajappa of Kolar Municipality and Suryanaranappa, Chikramanna, Bhyre Gowda and Sonne Gowda of Kolar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A Sanskrit School may be established at Kolar from the funds of the Annachattram there

Reply of Government.—Funds cannot be spared from the Kolar Annachattram for the proposed Sanskrit School.

SUBJECT No. 539.

Amildar of the Kolar Taluk to be relieved of Magisterial functions.

Mr. M. S. Ramachar, Kolar Town Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The Head-quarter Taluk Amildar has many urgent miscellaneous matters to attend to, and it is therefore desirable that he should be relieved of the Magisterial duties.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done; but the necessity for adding to the existing number of Magistrates will be enquired into

SUBJECT No. 540.

Dry crops a failure; remission of half of the dry assessment.

Mr. M. S. Ramachar, Kolar Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—In most parts of the district dry crops are a failure and in many cases, only a four anna crop is got. As the raiyats are hard pressed to pay the kandayam, it is requested that one-half of the dry assessment may be remitted to relieve the sufferings of this poor class of people.

Reply of Government.—There is no reason to believe that raiyats find any difficulty in paying the assessment on dry lands. No relief is therefore called for.

SUBJECT No. 541.

Throwing open reserved tracts for grazing purposes.

Mr. M. S. Ramachar, Kolar Town Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—In the Kolar District, early monsoons are unreliable and rains scanty. Grazing facilities should be given annually during the rainless months as a general rule The grazing pastures are few and far between. The cattle become thin and bony, and if not dying useless for agricultural purposes. Hence, the necessity for throwing open reserved tracts for grazing purposes.

Reply of Government.—In times of necessity this is being done as far as practicable. State Forests were thrown open liberally last year and this year whenever any scarcity for fodder was found to exist.